

Emergency Rental Assistance

The **Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)** provides significant economic relief to help those at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability by providing support for rental or utility arrears, and temporary rental assistance.

Somerset County has secured \$7.7M in emergency rental assistance program (ERAP) funds to help families and individuals who are facing eviction due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are available immediately, and can be secured through a very simple application.

“No one should lose their home because of a job loss or other issues related to the pandemic, and we’re working to ensure that landlords and tenants know Somerset County is ready to help not only keep families in their homes but also protect landlord investments,” said Commissioner Melonie Marano. “Applications and information on how to apply is on our website at <http://soconj.gov/arp> or at the Somerset County Helps table at any of the county libraries.” The program provides up to 12 months in arrears and 6 months for current and future rents for residents that meet all eligibility criteria

To qualify for this program, the applicant must be a resident of Somerset County and must meet the income / household guidelines below:

| 1 Person | 2 Persons | 3 Persons | 4 Persons | 5 Persons | 6 Persons | 7 Persons | 8 Persons |
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| \$57,800 | \$66,050 | \$74,300 | \$82,550 | \$89,200 | \$95,800 | \$102,400 | \$109,000 |

Questions about the program can be directed to ERAP@co.somerset.nj.us or by calling 908-231-7128.

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